

**MINUTES OF THE CITY OF MOORE HAVEN MEETING ON
OCTOBER 5TH, 2021, AT 7:00PM, IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS AT CITY
HALL, 299 RIVERSIDE DRIVE, MOORE HAVEN, FLORIDA.**

Council Members Present:

Bret Whidden, Mayor
Jacob Eighner, Vice Mayor, Financial Officer
Marcus “Marc” Decker
Clay Browning
Jan Gunn

Others Present:

Ashley Wills, City Clerk (Absent)
Melissa Arnold, Deputy City Clerk
Brandon Roberts, Public Works Director
Steve Ramunni, Attorney

ITEM 1: ROLL CALL:

ITEM 2: INVOCATION AND PLEDGE:

Invocation given by Miller. Pledge lead by Browning.

ITEM 3: ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA:

Addition to the agenda 3A reorganization of the board.

ITEM 3A: REORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD:

Whidden turned the meeting over to Ramunni. Ramunni stated the floor is open for nominations for mayor for the next fiscal year.

MOTION by Decker to nominate Brett Whidden for the mayor position. Seconded by Eighner. Motion carried.

Ramunni stated the floor is open for nominations for Vice Mayor.

MOTION by Gunn to nominate Jake Eighner for the Vice Mayor position. Seconded by Browning. Motion carried.

ITEM 4: DISCUSS AND/ OR APPROVE THE FOLLOWING MEETING MINUTES:

September 14,2021 Special Meeting Minutes.
September 21,2021 Regular Meeting Minutes.
September 22,2021 Special Meeting Minutes.

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September 24,2021 Special Meeting Minutes.

September 27,2021 Final Budget Hearing Meeting Minutes.

MOTION by Decker to approve the September 14,2021 Special meeting minutes. Seconded by Browning. Motion carried.

MOTION by Browning to approve the September 21,2021 Regular meeting minutes. Seconded by Gunn. Motion carried.

MOTION by Decker to approve the September 22,2021 Special meeting minutes. Seconded by Gunn. Motion carried.

MOTION by Browning to approve the September 24,2021 Special meeting minutes. Seconded by Decker. Motion carried.

MOTION by Eighner to approve the September 27,2021 Final budget hearing meeting minutes. Seconded by Decker. Motion carried.

ITEM 5: DISCUSS CITY MANAGER POSISTION.

Rammuni stated that the board must reaffirm.

MOTION by Gunn to negotiate to hire Larry Tibbs for the city manager position. Seconded by Browning. Motion carried.

Rammuni stated the board needs to announce the second pick for the city manager position. Gunn mentioned if Tibbs does not take the position, they will go back to the drawing board.

Arnold mentioned Tibbs is available any day except for Friday.

Browning stated set the negotiation for Thursday 10/7/21 at 4 p.m. The Council agreed.

ITEM 6: DISCUSS INTERNET ISSUES AT CITY HALL.

Arnold stated that she asked Joey to resubmit his proposal for the internet. City hall has been experiencing continuous issues with the internet. Centurylink refuses to come out and look at the lines if they can't fix it over the phone then they won't fix it. Joey stated he is going to provide service at City Hall, the Water Plant, and the Warehouse. Joey stated he is not messing with the Scada line. He stated he is saving the City 30% compared to what Centurylink was charging. Whidden stated his main concern with the internet and phone lines is how reliable it will be with the Scada lines. Roberts expressed the same concerns. Joey stated that they are not changing anything at the water plant the Scada lines are not going to change. Roberts asked if something was to happen would freedom WiFi have the supplies to get the Water Plant up and running and Joey stated they do. Joey stated that the City of Moore Haven is not the only Scada program they

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deal with. Roberts asked if Joey would hook up the City Hall first then move on to the Water Plant. Joey stated he is providing nine new phones at no cost to the City.

MOTION by Eighner to approve Freedom WiFi's proposal. Seconded by Gunn. Motioned carried.

Ramunni stated he will read over the contract and send it back to Joey.

ITEM 7: SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE #347 RELATING TO PROPERTY MAINTENANCE STANDARDS.

Ramunni read ordinance #347 relating to Property Maintenance Standards.

MOTION by Eighner to approve ordinance #347 relating to the Property Maintenance Standards. Seconded by Browning. Motion carried.

ITEM 8: REPORT OF OFFICERS:

8A: CITY MANAGER

There are none.

8B: CITY ATTORNEY.

Nothing to report.

8C: CITY CLERK

Nothing to report.

8D: CRAIG A. SMITH

Miller stated he had a request to do an estimate on revenue for the apartments. He stated he passed out two sheets. One sheet is a break down of the utilities and the revenue that the City would receive. He stated the estimated yearly Wastewater revenue would be \$6,069.00. The estimated yearly potable water would be \$8,069.16. The estimated yearly electric revenue would be \$14,647.80. The estimated yearly garbage revenue is \$4,518. The estimated yearly mosquito control revenue would be \$108.00. the estimated yearly revenue total is \$33,411.96. Miller stated under item G is the estimated subtotal for the one-time fees. Wastewater came to \$29,960.00. potable water came to \$31,010.00. Electric came to \$490.00. The total estimated one-time fee was \$61,460.00. Miller stated there shouldn't be a problem moving the tennis courts.

8E: CAS GOVERNMENTAL SERVICES

Nothing to report.

8F: WATER PLANT SUPERVISOR

Roberts stated they took apart the first street pump. It is burnt up. They will be down one pump. Roberts stated he hired Roland he will be the new claw truck operator. He has a CDL so he will be helping in other areas. He also hired Julio to help on the garbage truck. He stated he is waiting on another potential employee's drug screening to come back so the city will be back on track with reliable workers. He stated tomorrow Denco will be shutting down the main trunk line from 720 to the Warehouse to fill the Warehouse. They are doing two tie ins. It should take about 4 hours. There is two people that will be without water. He stated he got a delivery for the toys at Washington park. The building for the Water Plant was delivered at the water plant. Roberts stated there has been a problem at the 10th St lift station. He received a quote for \$2,500 to vac out the lift station. The gentleman will be there all day to vac out the bad lift stations. Roberts requested that the City write a letter to City residents stating not to dump or flush certain things.

ITEM 9: APPROVAL OF BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$48,572.48.

MOTION by Eighner to approve the bills in the amount of \$48,572.48. Seconded by Gunn. Motion carried.

ITEM 10: CITIZENS COMMENTS/ GENERAL CONCERNS:

There were citizens that stated they was from the Yacht Club that had some concerns. Jill stated that she talked to the board a year ago about replacing post around the transformers. Whidden stated that they looked at them and they changed out the worst ones. Whidden stated it is still on the work list. Jill asked if the city was going to replace the fire hydrant that was removed. Whidden stated that he doesn't think that was a good place to have a fire hydrant.

A citizen mentioned to the board about a corner lot in the Yacht Club that the lift station sits on. He asked if that piece of property has been transferred to the county. Whidden stated the city, and the county is in the sewer together it is a joint venture. The gentleman asked who is going to maintain the mowing of that property. He stated that the Yacht Club pays for the mowing of that property now. He asked why the Yacht Club should pay for it if they don't own it. Whidden stated to tell Brian to stop mowing it that the City will start mowing it from here on out. The gentleman stated that he wants the property mowed twice a week. He requested that the City pays Brian \$5.00 to mow it. Whidden stated that it is not worth the paperwork that city will mow it on the city's mowing schedule. The gentleman then proceeded to say the City owes them \$200.00 for trees that was not trimmed. The gentleman became irate with a Council member then proceeded to leave the meeting slamming the door.

Ramunni asked for the name of the gentleman. Jill stated his name was Larry Burn. Ramunni stated that he will be trespassed tomorrow.

ITEM 11: MAYOR AND COUNCIL TO GIVE REPORTS

There are none.

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ITEM 12: DISCUSS FINANCIAL STATEMENTS IF NEEDED.

No discussion needed.

ITEM 13: ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: was made by Eighner seconded by Browning to adjourn. Motion carried.

Melissa Arnold, Deputy City Clerk
Meeting adjourned at 7:51 P.M.

Bret Whidden, Mayor

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